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■ SERVICE

9/11 service weekend a hit for Nashville community

CHARLOTTE CLEARY Staff Writer

This weekend, Vanderbilt hosted its inaugural "9/11 Weekend of Service." The weekend of service, which is based on the 9/11 National Day

of Service and Remembrance, lasted the entire weekend, with

events on Friday, Saturday and Over 1,200 volunteers and 58 community partners took part in

the event through 65 Vanderbilt organizations. All participants received bright red "Vandy is Nashville" T-shirts, boasting the message "One City United." A vast array of charitable entirely

activities took place throughout student-led weekend. Vanderbilt Student Volunteers for Science (VSVS) partnered with Head Magnet Middle School, where 90 middle school students signed up to stay after school and do science projects with the Vanderbilt volunteers. VSVS set up tables of projects in the school's cafeteria, where students went from table to table learning about topics such as plant and animal cells, and pressure and force.

"It was such a rewarding experience to see these middle schoolers become so interested in science," said sophomore

VSVS volunteer Will Lindquester. "I just hope that somehow we encouraged them to pursue their interests and keep working hard in school."

The Vanderbilt Public Relations Society (VPRS) chose to volunteer with young students as well. VPRS volunteers played trust games with Murrell School fifth graders, simulating what firefighters did on 9/11. The activity was followed by a presentation on heroism and the qualities it takes to be a leader. After the presentation, the students made cards for the New York Fire Department and anyone else they considered to be a leader.

"I really wanted to participate in this because I think it's so important that everyone learns about 9/11 and the heroes that put their lives at stake for our country," said sophomore Kelsey Margol.

Additionally, Encouragement Services (Y.E.S.) helped members of the Y.E.S. afterschool program write letters to soldiers after an explanation of what the armed forces do for

According to the Office of Active Citizenship and Service, the 9/11 Weekend of Service is scheduled to become an annual event on the Vanderbilt campus. ■

■ FOOTBALL

More of the same

GAME DAY: LSU 27, VANDERBILT 3



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LSU RB Stevan Ridley sheds tackler Casey Hayward (19) at the football game on Saturday. Vanderbilt lost 27-3 in a game where the Commodore defense lost steam in the fourth quarter, giving up two decisive touchdown runs in the final period.

ERIC SINGLE

Asst. Sports Editor

That was the refrain of Head Coach Robbie Caldwell as he addressed every aspect of the game in the immediate aftermath of

"We've got to find something we can do."

Vanderbilt's 27-3 loss to LSU on Saturday night. What Caldwell's team has learned this season, perhaps more quickly than expected, is what it could not do just yet.

The Commodores trailed by just seven points at the start of the fourth quarter due to LSU's merciful inability to capitalize on several early opportunities. But Warren Norman fumbled on a kickoff return at his own 26-yard line, which set up a 6-yard touchdown run by Alfred Blue just four plays later.

Stevan Ridley went 65 yards for a score on the third play of the Tigers' next possession to extend the lead to 24 with five minutes left. The play put Vanderbilt away for good to the delight of the extremely well-represented LSU fan base.

"I think fatigue played into it for sure," said senior linebacker John Stokes of the defensive breakdowns in the fourth quarter. "We have to be tougher than that, though. We felt like we had a great plan, and we were really stopping them for most of the game, and they wore us down a little bit."

Vanderbilt could not make Larry Smith comfortable enough in the pocket to lead the passing game effectively yet. The redshirt junior was sacked six times and threw for just

Most of those yards came on an isolated series of short throws to redshirt junior tight end Brandon Barden in the fourth quarter during the offense's longest drive of the game. The Commodores used eight plays to go 26 yards in four minutes and 39 seconds on that drive, but were forced to punt from the LSU 45.

"He usually gets covered by a linebacker, so he's one we (have) to spotlight," Caldwell said of Barden, who led the team with five catches for 38 yards. "We tried going into the game and couldn't get it to him as much as we really wanted to because of protection issues. It starts with me. I thought we could be able to block with five and hit some hot (routes), and we

Vanderbilt could not keep the officials' flags in their pockets yet, either. Two personal fouls called on Joey Bailey and Udom Umoh stalled consecutive second-quarter drives, ultimately forcing the offense into a 3rd-and-24 and a 3rdand-20 deep in its own territory.

And ultimately, as the 2008 Music City Bowl victory becomes more and more distant of a memory, Vanderbilt could not play to the level of another team from a BCS conference for 60 minutes and come out with a win. Yet.

Caldwell stressed the effect of the mismatches that were exposed on the line early on in the game, blaming himself and his staff for not accounting for them properly.

"Personnel," Caldwell said. "They're very good. 92 (Drake Nevis) is probably one of the better players in the league, and he whipped us. Bottom line, ain't no secret."

Nevis built off a dominant performance against North Carolina in Week One against the Commodores and finished with five tackles and 2.5 sacks as his defensive line limited Vanderbilt to just 65 rushing yards on the night.

Another issue in the trenches was the offensive line's inability to hold back Nevis and the rest of the LSU pass rush with man protection schemes. As the former offensive line coach, Caldwell had a few ideas about switching to more slide protection until the line gained a little more confidence.

"We (have) to slide protect, we can't man protect," Caldwell said. "We went into the game thinking maybe we could do what we did last year when we had a chance to beat them down there, and rightfully so. I understand why the offensive staff and I — starts with me — thought that, but we got fooled."

The joke was on Vanderbilt on Saturday night, courtesy of a loaded LSU team with realistic aspirations of an SEC championship. The Commodores' hopes to make up early lost ground in the conference lie in their ability to figure out "what they can do" sooner rather

KEY MOMENTS

WILL BRIGGS Sports Writer

14:28 20 LSU's Russell Shep-

herd rushes for a 30 yard TD for the game's first score.

14:45 30

After a 50-yard Warren Norman run, the offense settles for just a FG.

7:57 30

Casey Hayward's INT in end zone saves a TD, but offense fails to score afterward.

12:32 40

Norman's fumble on kickoff allows LSU to quickly extend lead.

5:58 4Q

Vandy's decision to punt on fourth down effectively signals a Commodore loss.

Triple Thread launches over weekend



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 ${\it Matt Roley of the Mocking bird Sun performs during the Triple}$ Thread Launch Party Friday, Sept. 10th. Triple Thread helps former offenders reenter society through employment and job training.



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- 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Opening Dores Dinner for connecting alumni and students

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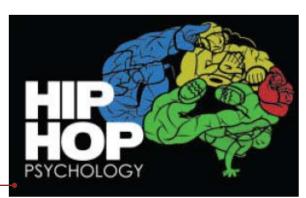
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COLUMN

Popping the Vandy Bubble

MATT POPKIN

Columnist

Change my mind. I'm begging you. Please change my mind about anything. This is college — the supposed

land of the great debate. This is the place where you conservatives discuss issues with us liberals; this is the place where we sit around and pontificate on the policies of the day, discussing the upcoming elections and how they will impact our futures.

But Vanderbilt is not really that place, is it? It is the land of the little black dress, of Croakies and boat shoes. This is the place where what's happening to PIKE house is more important than what's happening to our economy.

Are you kidding me?

A few weeks ago, a professor asked my class of 80 people how many of us had seen President Obama's speech about the end of the combat mission in Iraq. Three of us raised our hands.

How disappointing. Being informed is the least we can do, particularly when kids our age fought in Iraq alongside our friends, our cousins, our brothers, our sisters and our parents.

I loathe the term "The Vandy Bubble." It's a cop-out. It's a lame excuse. The Vandy Bubble does not exist, or at least it does not exist in the way you probably conceive of it. There is no wall around our campus' borders. There is no chain-link fence. All that's blocking you from the socalled "real" world is your own personal

Don't kid yourself. It's not that you're more concerned with your immediate future. It has nothing to do with jobhunting or that huge paper that's due Friday. It's apathy. It's this disgusting tunnel vision where what's going on in Afghanistan or Detroit or even East Nashville is not as important as what's going on at frat row this weekend.

In this day and age, when our generation spends hours upon hours on Facebook, there is no excuse. It takes 30 seconds to redirect yourself to a news website. It takes 10 minutes of reading to make sure you're informed.

Here's the thing about the Vandy Bubble. It doesn't end when you graduate. The name just changes. Go live in the suburbs.

Or stay in your coffee shops. Become a teacher. Or a banker. A surgeon, even. No matter what your profession, there is not going to be a magic moment when you suddenly start to care about people outside your private sphere. No one can force you to empathize. Not even me.

Just remember this: Somewhere in your family tree, there is a person who did not have the opportunity to attend college. Somewhere, there is a person who did not have the chance to vote. It might be one generation back; it might be five. Still, that someone would've killed for the opportunities presented to us today. If for no other reason than that, it's truly a shame to waste them.

So let's start small. Next time you see me walking around campus, stop me. Talk to me. Tell me this article is wrong, or that it's right. Debate me. Or educate me. Most importantly, try to change my mind. I know I'm ready for it. Are you?

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Promote your values



COLUMN

Vanderbilt supposed be a sheltered microcosm of the nation and world at large. Sure

it's a little white

THOMAS SHATTUCK Columnist

and Christian to reflect the entire world, but that aside, it's got a solid mix — almost 30 percent minority students, with some international students to boot. No reason not to pat ourselves on the back; we're doing alright.

Vanderbilt even has an honor code and an Office of Active Citizenship and Service, so we have a little virtue to go with that multiculturalism. Unfortunately, however, integrity and whatnot can't just be talked about; these values must be expressed through action. Don't worry, I'm not saying we all need to volunteer more often (though I suppose at least I do), but as students, we need to be more proactive with our lives.

I'm sure you've all heard about that mosque thing going on in New York and that fire in Murfreesboro. To be honest, I don't really care which side of the issue you fall on — though arson is a felony. What we as students (and probably as a nation) need is to have a dialogue. And by dialogue, I don't mean one of brother Beck's or Sean Hannity's monologues. They have their place for sure, it's just not in a rational conversation.

As a member of this campus, the responsibility falls on you to promote the values you hold to be true. Like an English class, your opinion isn't right or wrong or necessarily based on fact (although that would help), just have one. The intermixing of absolutely wretched opinions will eventually lead to a few good ideas. As the politician Walter Judd said, "People often say that, in a democracy, decisions are made by a majority of the people. Of course, that is not true. Decisions are made by a majority of those who make themselves heard and who vote — a very different thing." Studying for your Poli Sci test doesn't count as making yourself

You can talk about your stellar GPA or the 30 organizations you're involved in, but ask yourself this: Does what you do make an impact on this campus? If the answer is no (as it probably is in my case), you might want to rethink your college career. You'll still get a job when you graduate, and your friends will remember you just fine. There are no real consequences just missed opportunities. Remember the next time you talk about school spirit or integrity or whatever counts as conversation these days, do something now or forfeit your right complain about where this school is heading.

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Bring DREAM act to Vandy

To the editor:

I'll never forget the day my best friend called me at six in the morning from the back of a police car. While being handcuffed, he called to tell me he was being deported. I didn't understand. How could he have been illegal? I knew he moved to this country from Colombia when he was two, but still it just didn't make sense to me that his family could have stayed so long if they weren't legal. Juan really didn't even speak Spanish.

For rest of the morning I sat there, stunned that I was never going to see my friend again. That afternoon I called my other friends who had gotten a chance to speak with Juan. We met up at my house, and as we sat reminiscing of Juan, we decided we weren't going to let our friend be deported without a fight. That's when we first started our Facebook page "The DREAM Act: Help Bring Back Juan Gomez" and began to call all the local news outlets in Miami. Being naive kids, we thought Juan's story — that of a kid who made perfect grades in high school, got a near perfect score on the SAT and was a

student leader — would make national news. Basically, we didn't know what else

At first it looked grim. None of the news stations wanted to talk to us. The next morning, I looked at our Facebook page and we had nearly 1,000 people in our group. Several hours later, the local Fox affiliate rushed over to my house and ran a story about Juan and our campaign to save him. After Fox picked up the story, every local station followed suit. We made the front page of the Miami Herald, and we heard from our local Congressmen. They were moved by the story and decided to team up and introduce a private bill for Juan to stay in the country. This then led to my friends and I traveling to D.C. to lobby alongside members of congress, being shipped around in limousines by CNN and eventually winning the support of U.S. senators and the release of Juan and his family from custody.

While Juan's family was eventually forced to leave the country, he and his brother were allowed to stay and pursue their education. Juan now attends Georgetown University and after graduating, he is going

to work for J.P. Morgan. The sad thing is that Juan is one miracle story among hundreds of thousands of kids unable to pursue their dreams. Brought here at young ages and raised as Americans, they unfortunately face the threat of deportation and the inability to attend colleges and find work because they lack documentation. While I know immigration is a touchy subject, it's important to remember that these kids are left with no opportunities in life because of their parents' path of immigration. They can't get jobs or apply for school and would have no skills to survive if they were

There is currently a campaign to get Vanderbilt to join dozens of other schools in endorsing the DREAM Act, legislation that would grant undocumented students like Juan the opportunity to pursue higher education or serve in the military. Students who came to this country as kids, graduated from high school and have clean records deserve a chance to live their American dream.

Eddie Monteagudo College of Arts & Science

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■ GREEK LIFE



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Jesse Hitt

This week, Life contributor McCallen Moser talked with Jesse Hitt, director of expansion for Phi Gamma Delta, about Vanderbilt's newest fraternity.



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Vanderbilt Hustler: What made you want

Vanderbilt?

Jesse Hitt: Well, obviously it's a top-tiered university, and we have been interested in Vanderbilt for a very long time ... We actually have around 900 to 1,000 alumni in the Nashville area, and that's key to provid(ing) support for our new chapter. They have been contacting us for years (asking) why don't we have a chapter here and telling us how they would love to get involved. So with that alumni support and Vanderbilt's prestigious

to bring Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) to

VH: What do you think FIJI is going to be able to bring to our campus?

for Phi Gamma Delta.

reputation, it seemed like a really good fit

JH: Well, I think we will bring a fresh look at Greek life. We right now have no reputation on campus; we have never been there before, so we have no pre-existing stereotype at all. That's what we hope to get with these founding fathers. They have the chance to really build their own reputation and maybe, you know, not be that stereotypical fraternity that you see on television but, rather, one that is focused on our values.

VH: In your opinion, what is the best thing about

FIJI? What do you think is the best feature of the fraternity?

JH: Well, I think there are two things. As a fraternity, something we pride ourselves on is focusing on scholarship and academics. We give away over \$450,000 a year in scholarship. The main (scholarship) is that any brother who gets a 3.0 or above during pledging semester gets an automatic \$250 scholarship. So any man who joins Phi Gamma Delta has an opportunity to win a scholarship, which for me is really exciting.

VH: That's awesome. What a great way to motivate the brothers during that time.

JH: Yeah, and we really believe just because you join a fraternity, your grades shouldn't tank. And the second thing I would consider my favorite, since it's hard to pick just one, is (our) slogan: "Phi Gamma Delta ... Not for College Days Alone;" in our fraternity I think it really is true. You'll see it in Nashville where we don't have any Vanderbilt alum who are FIJIs, unless they went there to grad school — but you'll see men from all over the country, all different kinds of chapters getting together to support this new chapter. And that's something that's really cool, that you are able to take that with you for the rest of your life and continue to get involved and give back.

VH: What do you think your biggest challenge is going to be this year while you are trying to get things started?

JH: I think there are a few things that are a little different at Vanderbilt than other schools. ... (Vanderbilt has) deferred recruitment in the spring, and the men recruit all the way through the fall for that freshman class ... I think we will have to be very dynamic in the way we recruit, since we will be recruiting upperclassmen for the fall semester while ... recruiting freshman for the spring. And that's something we have kind of done before, but I can see it as a potential challenge. But hopefully, we will get a really strong fall class and a really strong freshman class as well.

VH: Well we are very excited to have you guys on campus, and I look forward to seeing lots of FIJIs walking around campus soon. Is there anything else you want to say to the students of Vanderbilt?

JH: This is a unique opportunity. This is a really great chance to create something fresh and build a fraternity experience ... And for the rest of the students and the Greek community, you can look forward to a group that's going to complement your Greek system really well. ■

Word on the street

Q: What was the highlight of your weekend?

Compiled by Courtney Kissack, staff writer





Sleeping in. See Experience Class of 2014

— Kristina Salfarlie, Class of 2014



I had a friend visit for the weekend! Hanna Chapman, Class of 2012



Dancing in the rain at the tailgate on Saturday.

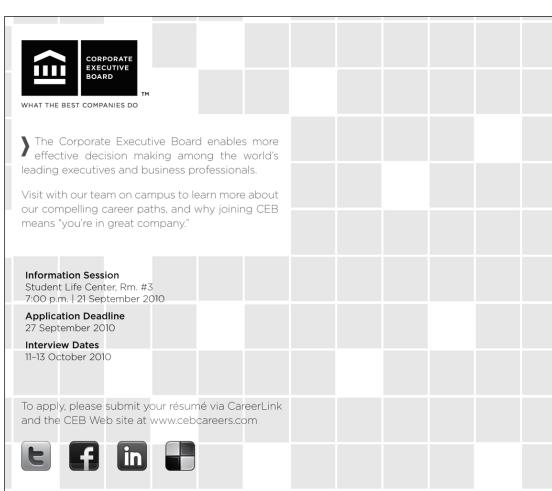
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I took the MCATs. It was five hours long, and it was the most difficult test I've ever taken.

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IN A FLASH

The sports staff spotlights key plays from Saturday's game against LSU. The Commodores kept it close for three quarters before ultimately gave the game away, falling to the Tigers by a score of 27-3.











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Senior John Stokes breaks up a pass intended for sophomore receiver Rueben Randle early in Saturday night's game. Stokes finished the game with eight tackles but was unable to slow down LSU's rushing attack.

JUSTIN MENESTRINA/The Vanderbilt Hustler

Redshirt junior quarterback Larry Smith scrambles away from pressure from junior cornerback Ron Brooks. Smith was on the run throughout the game, as the Tigers were able to sack him six times on the night.

JUSTIN MENESTRINA/ The Vanderbilt Hustler

Sophomore Warren Norman breaks loose on a 51-yard run at the start of the second half to put Vanderbilt in scoring position. The drive ended with Ryan Fowler converting on a 23-yard field goal attempt to cut the Tigers' lead to 10-3.

SCOTT CARDONE/ The Vanderbilt Hustler

The game appears to turn in favor of the Commodores, as junior cornerback Casey Hayward intercepts LSU quarterback Jordan Jefferson in the end zone early in the third quarter with Vanderbilt trailing 10-3.

SCOTT CARDONE/ The Vanderbilt Hustler LSU's Alfred Blue breaks a

tackle on the way to the end zone as he gave LSU a commanding 20-3 lead with just over ten minutes remaining in the game. LSU went on to add one more touchdown on the ground, as they won 27-3.

COACH'S CORNER

with Robbie Caldwell

Football Head Coach

MEGHAN ROSE Sports Editor



ZAC HARDY/ The Vanderbilt Hustler

On the team's general performance against LSU:

Offensively, it was very disappointing. Defensively, we played well, but we left them on the field too long. They did a great job and held (LSU) under 400 yards of offense.

On the team's mental mistakes plaguing them the past two games:

We've got to eliminate mistakes. Instead of going backwards, we have to go forward. We'll find a way to get it done.

On the offensive changes that need to occur:

Offensively, we have to go back to the drawing board and find something our people are capable of doing. My hat's off to LSU — they kicked us and out-manned us. That's where we stand right now.

On the pressure on QB Larry Smith:

You take a sack, and now you're out of field goal range. We've got to learn to get rid of the ball. Sometimes it's hard when they are all over you before you have a chance to move.

little bit too much on them, and they're not ready for it quite yet.

On the offensive line's response to pressure: We made some adjustments. We don't have many people on the offensive line. We put probably a

On creating a balanced offense:

Most of our playmakers are in the run game. It's hard when they stack the box to get them free. We (have) to get someone in the receiving core to be able to beat man coverage so we can shake them. We have to protect, and we have to simplify in all ways.

On the secondary's play against LSU:

(The secondary) did a great job. I liked where we were defensively until the last 10 minutes of the fourth quarter. They were doing a super job, and we were in that (game).

On the play of special teams:

Ted Cain did a super job of getting (special teams) ready. There's no excuse for dropping the ball on a kickoff return. We catch 20 to 30 kicks a week at least, and we're bouncing it around. I don't know if it's the inexperience — a couple of them are young and excited, trying to make more happen. You (have)

■ FOOTBALL

Around the SEC

REID HARRIS

Sports Writer

Tigers hold on for victory in Tide asserts dominance over Starkville, 17-14



Southeastern Conference started Thursday night as the Auburn Tigers traveled to Starkville to face the Mississippi State Bulldogs. While it was much more

entertaining than the last time Auburn visited Starkville (a 3-2 result), little firepower was seen from either team's "high powered" offense. Cam Newton led the Tigers to a 17-14 victory with 136 yards passing and an additional 70 yards on the ground. Despite not allowing a point in the second half, Mississippi State could not mount a comeback and suffered a disappointing loss to open SEC play in the competitive Western division.

South Carolina, Lattimore run over Georgia, 17-6



Heavily-touted freshman running back Marcus Lattimore led the Gamecocks against the Bulldogs in the only game of the weekend featuring ranked SEC opponents. Lattimore rushed for 182 yards

and two touchdowns as South Carolina defeated Georgia 17-6. This game could prove to be crucial in the SEC Eastern division standings, as Florida has struggled with inferior competition. No other team has stepped up to become the clear favorite to represent the East in the SEC championship.

Penn State, 24-3



without Even Heisman Trophywinning running back Mark Ingram, No. 1 ranked Alabama had no problems handling the Penn State

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at home. In Ingram's place, Trent Richardson accumulated 144 yards rushing and a touchdown while the Crimson Tide defense limited Penn State to just three points. Although winning the battle of time of possession, Penn State turned the ball over four times. These mistakes kept the Lions from taking down the defending national champions. Tide quarterback Greg McElroy connected on 16 of 24 passes while rolling up 229 yards passing and two touchdowns.

Tennessee embarrassed at home as Oregon rolls 48-13



In a game that may ease the pain of Vanderbilt's loss, Tennessee fell hard to No. 7 Oregon 48-13 in Knoxville Saturday night. Although Tennessee held

an early 13-3 lead (and the game was tied at 13 at the half), Oregon running back LaMichael James rushed for a 72-yard touchdown early in the second half and the Ducks never looked back. Oregon outscored the Vols 35-0 in the second half. ■

WEEKLY REPORT CARD

QUARTERBACKS: C

Larry Smith barely had time to breathe — let alone pass downfield. Additionally, his decision-making was poor, resulting in many untimely sacks.

RUNNING BACKS: B-

Sophomores Warren Norman and Zac Stacy continue to be the best weapons the Commodores have on offense. With only 65 net rushing yards on the night, Vanderbilt's overall running game was dismal.

WIDE RECEIVERS/TIGHT ENDS: C-

The receivers struggled again to get separation, giving Smith few options when it came to throwing the ball.

OFFENSIVE LINE: **D**

Penalties killed this unit, and the LSU defensive line got to Smith whenever they wanted.

DEFENSIVE LINE: C+

Jordan Jefferson was rarely pressured, but the team was solid in run packages.

LINEBACKERS: B

John Stokes had a monster game, and Chris Marve was his usual self, proving why this unit is the backbone of the Vanderbilt defense.

SECONDARY: B

The secondary was much improved from last week. Jefferson completed only

8 of 20 passes, and Casey Hayward's interception was huge.

SPECIAL TEAMS: B-

The return game was decent, and Ryan Fowler was perfect on all his kicks. Richard Kent has a very strong leg, making some solid punts.

COACHING: C

Penalties plagued this team and the play calling was questionable all around. The result: a very confusing game to watch.

Call to the bullpen: Braves' Mike Minor

MEGHAN ROSE

Sports Editor

The Hustler spoke to Braves' pitcher and former Commodore Mike Minor. Over the course of his three-year career at Vanderbilt, Minor compiled a 22-10 record before becoming the seventh overall pick of the 2009 MLB Draft. "Mike was a guy who came into the program and showed he belonged on the mound right away," said baseball Head Coach Tim Corbin. "He wasn't just a thrower, he was a true pitcher."

As the Braves' selection, Minor moved through the minor league ranks before making his major league debut as starting pitcher on Aug. 9 against the Houston Astros. With six starts under his belt and a 3-0 record, the southpaw spoke about transitioning from minor league to major league play and his 12-strikeout performance against Chicago.

VANDERBILT HUSTLER: What was your reaction when you first arrived at Turner Field after being called up from

MIKE MINOR: It's pretty exciting when you first get called up. Then they tell you when you're going to pitch, and you kind of want to keep your nerves under control. You've been waiting your whole life for your first game and your call up, so it's kind of hard to keep everything under control. But you want to stay relaxed and handle the situation the best that you can, so that you don't throw wild. Basically, what I was trying to think about was keeping everything under control.

VH: How are you able to settle down and feel comfortable on such a large stage? MM: When I was younger, my dad always put me in the older groups. When I was 14, he'd always put me in the 15- to 16-year-old groups and teams that were always above me, trying to make me a better competitor. I was already used to that at a young age. When I moved up to Vanderbilt, they threw me in there as the Saturday starter, and (David) Price kind of took

me under his wing. I always tried to work out with him, train with him and do everything that he was doing. The same thing happened when I got to Atlanta — they moved me pretty

VH: Who do you look up to in the Braves' pitchina staff?

MM: I talk to Tim Hudson — an older guy — who's doing really well this year, and I also talk to Tommy Hanson, who's a younger guy who's done well this year and last year. I've gotten what they both do, and they're a little bit different, but every pitcher is different. I just see what they do, what they don't do, what time they get here, what workouts they do, what shoulder exercises they do — just everything. I see what would play into my schedule of what I've been doing and what I would change.

VH: What would you pinpoint as the biggest change from minor league to major league play?

MM: It's more competitive. In the minor leagues, it's more individual, and here, it's more of a team thing. Every night, we're out here trying to win, whereas in the minor leagues it seems like every night if we lost it was kind of like, whatever. Guys were really just focusing on individual stats — if they did well, are they going to get moved up, and if they didn't do well, are they going to get moved down or released. Here, it's more of a winning mentality and trying to make it to the playoffs.

VH: You recorded a career-high strikeout performance with 12 against Chicago. What was going particularly well for you during that game?

MM: That day I was mixing a lot of offspeed. My changeup and curveball were both on that day. The scouting report says I go after guys with my fastball mostly, but that day I was mixing a lot of changeups and curveballs. I think that threw them off. I threw a lot of them in the dirt, and there were a lot of chased pitches. I really didn't throw a lot in the zone where they could hit



THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

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VH: What was your reaction when you learned that you were the seventh overall pick in the 2009 draft?

MM: That was a crazy day. The whole day, I was trying to keep it a little bit low key, as much as possible. All the news reporters and the newspapers, everybody was calling me and trying to get over to my house and trying to film everything. I wanted it to be a family and friends get-together kind of thing. I really didn't know what round or what pick I was going to get drafted in, so I just invited close friends and family over. We barbequed, swam and played horseshoes — stuff like that. I didn't even know until probably 30 seconds before they announced my name on TV. The scout called my cell phone and told me I was an Atlanta Brave. That was (when) I knew.

VH: How has your family enjoyed

watching you play at the major league

MM: When I was in Mississippi this year, my parents came over a lot. When I went to Gwinnett, they came over a couple of times. Now that I'm here in Atlanta, they've come to every start so far — they've come to Chicago, Houston and Atlanta both times. They enjoy it, and a lot of my family has been able to come, so it's been good.

VH: You traveled to Pittsburgh for a series against the Pirates. How was it to play against a familiar face like Pedro Alvarez?

MM: It's pretty cool to be with another teammate from college and see how he's doing and how the experience in Pittsburgh is. Obviously, he's doing pretty well, but it's kind of cool to reunite with him.

VH: How did working with Vandy's pitching coach Derek Johnson prepare you for a higher level of competition?

MM: (DJ) helped me with everything. We did a lot of mental stuff — like the mental game of focusing on controlling what you can control. You can't control the umpires; you can't control errors or the outcome of the game. You can only control the pitch that you throw and where that pitch is. Sometimes you make a good pitch and it still gets hit. You just have to realize that you made a good pitch, and there isn't anything that you could have done better. Also, he taught me about just being responsible and being on time. Being on time meant ... being 10 or 15 minutes early to everything that you do. Also, the mechanic part and the baseball part — anytime I needed help with mechanics or even weight training, he was always there.

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